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Congressman Michael A. Feighan
Federal Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Congressman Feighan:

May I voice my congratulations to you on your overwhelming victory at the polls last week. Your receiving so strong an endorsement as close to seventy-two percent of the votes cast is a tremendous tribute to you personally and to the distinguished service you are rendering in the Congress, and the recognition of this by your constituents.

This recognition extends to many, like myself, outside your constituency. I greatly appreciated the opportunity you gave me last September to discuss with you and answer some of your questions regarding proposed H. R. 14545, introduced by Congressman Peter W. Rodino, to enable naturalization of certain employees of Radio Free Europe who came to the United States and hold valid re-entry permits but have been required in the interests of our country to stay abroad to carry on the work of RFE.

We appreciate that the pressure of time and the great load of other legislation prevented H. R. 14545 from coming up for action during the last session of Congress. In the interests of the maximum future effectiveness of Radio Free Europe and continued retention of valued key employees at their posts in Europe, we are still most interested in the passage of this legislation.

During our brief conversation last September, you mentioned that you would like to know more about RFE's broadcasts and the pertinence of the proposal to permit certain eligible employees to complete their naturalization. I will be very glad to come down to Washington any time at your convenience to provide you with any

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additional information you would like to have. I am confident that the full facts constitute a very compelling basis for support of the bill that has been proposed. If I can be of any assistance in presenting these facts to you or to any members of your Committee who may have questions, I will be only too glad to do so.

Repeating my congratulations on your smashing re-election vote, and with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

C. Rodney Smith
Vice President

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